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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INDIAN PERM REP'S SUMMING UP OF 30TH G.A.

1. AS A PARTING THOUGHT, I WOULD CALL THE ATTENTION
OF THE DEPARTMENT TO A PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT OF THE INDIAN
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO NEW DELHI
SUMMING UP THE THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

QTE: THE 30TH G.A. WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THE NUMBER AND
VARIETY OF CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS THAT CONVERTED THE SO-
CALLED TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY OF THE 29TH G.A. INTO THE
CONFUSION OF THE MAJORITY CAUSED BY AN UNPRECEDENTED
SLINTERING OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE RESOLUTION
ON ZIONISM SPLIT THE AFRICAN GROUP INTO ISLAMIC AND NON-
ISLAMIC ELEMENTS. THE CYPRUS ISSUE SAW TURKEY IN ISOLATION
WITH THE ISLAMIC STATES EITHER VOTING AGAINST TURKEY, OR

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ABSTAINING. THE KOREAN QUESTION DIVIDED ALL GROUPS ALONG

IDEOLOGICAL LINES, WITH SEVERAL STATES ABSTAINING.
SPANISH SAHARA SPLIT THE ARABS AND AFRICANS; PORTUGUESE
TIMOR AND THE ASIAN GROUP; AND BELIZE THE LATIN AMERICAN
GROUP. THE ANGOLA ISSUE CAME UP INDIRECTLY AND FOUND THE
AFRICANS IN DISARRAY, WITH SOME EVEN JUSTIFYING SOUTH
AFRICAN INTERVENTION* ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE
QUESTIONS THE WEST EUROPEANS WERE DIVIDED. END QTE.

2. IN OTHER WORDS, AMBASSADOR JAIPAL'S PERCEPTION OF THE
"CONFUSION OF THE MAJORITY" IS VERY LIKE THAT WHICH WE
REPORTED IN OUR SUMMING UP CABLE OF JANUARY 23.

3. I WOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE LESS THAN FRIENDLY
COMMENTS ABOUT ME IN PARAGRAPHS 19 AND 20. I AM ACCUSED
OF ADVOCATING "UNFETTERED HUMAN RIGHTS". IT IS SAID THAT I
PROCEED ON "THE WRONG PREMISE THAT THE UN CHARTER ASSUMES
THAT THE MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATIVE
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS." I PROPOSED AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL
PRISONERS. NOW THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT JAIPAL AND
I GOT ON WELL ENOUGH DURING THE ASSEMBLY. I MADE NO EFFORT
TO DISPLEASE HIM. BUT NEITHER DID I DISGUISE MY DISMAY AT
WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DOING TO THE INDIAN DEMOCRACY.
I MADE CLEAR THAT INDIA WAS LOSING A MORAL POSITION OF THE
UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO IT -- BECAUSE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO US, AND
DEMOCRACIES LIKE US. ONE RESULT WAS THAT INDIA WAS FOR
PRACTICAL PURPOSES SILENT THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. IT SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO PERCEIVE THE POTENTIAL
OF OUR MAKING MORE SALIENT ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL
DEMOCRACY WITH THOSE NATIONS THAT HAVE ABANDONED THOSE FORMS
WHICH PROCLAIM THOSE VIRTUES BUT HAVE LONG CEASED TO
PRACTICE THEM. IT IS GOOD FOR US, AND IN THE END WILL BE
GOOD FOR THEM ALSO.

WARM REGARDS AND FAREWELL.
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